GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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PENDING TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications pending for new telephone connections in Karnataka, district-wise;

(b) the dates since the applications are pending;

(c) the main reasons for the pendency;

(d) the time by which all the applications for telephone connections are likely to be cleared; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The total number of applications pending for new telephone connections in Karnataka as o 30.11.2004 is 98059. District-wise details are given in the Annexure.

(b) The dates of oldest pending applications are given in the Annexure.

(c) The pending waiting list is mainly in non-feasible areas, where coverage is not available at present.

(d) Most of present waiting list is planned to be cleared by March, 2006.

(e) The following steps have been taken by BSNL in this regard.

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#     40, 000 lines of WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) equipment is under installation.
# 9,000 lines of WLL equipment has been ordered and is likely to be received by February, 2005.
# 1,50,000 lines of WLL system for rural areas has been planned for future.
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ANNEXURE

DISTRICT WISE WAITING LIST AS ON 30.11.2004

Sl.No.	Name of District	Waiting List	Oldest Waiting List
1.	Bangalore Rural	11308	02.01.2002
2.	Bangalore Urban	7026	11.03.2002
3.	Belgaum	7648	02.04.1993
4.	Bellary	0	NIL

5.	Bidar	130	04.11.1999
6.	Bijapur	2768	05.11.1999
7	Bagalkot	1544	05.11.1999
8.	Chickmagalur	1624	27.07.1998
9.	Manglore	12071	03.11.1999
10	Udupi	10593	05.07.1998
11.	Chitradurga	1915	21.06.1997
12.	Devangere	853	26.02.2001
13.	Gulbarga	3015	17.08.2003
14	Hassan	4808	04.11.1999
15.	Hubli	1914	01.11.1999
16.	Haveri	1984	08.04.1999
17.	Gadag	1084	01.11.1999
18	Kodagu	2985	27.03.1997
19.	Kolar	3928	04.11.1999
20.	Mandya	3742	12.07.2001
21.	Mysore	1336	04.02.1997
22.	Chamarajanagar	557	09.09.1997
23.	Raichur	2605	05.11.1999
24.	Koppal	1114	05.11.1999
25.	Shimoga	7366	12.06.1993
26.	Tumkur	4129	29.01.2001
27.	Uttara Kannada	12	07.04.2003

Total 98059